

## Internet Chat Line Warning

On-Line Predators often represent themselves as teens on chat sites in order to obtain information about children and families. These predators know exactly what to say in order to obtain your child's trust. Make sure your child understands that they are subject to being approached by predators any time they are on line. Predators are not gender bias, they will approach both males and females. While the internet can be a source of education and entertainment, it can also be extremely dangerous. Predators are experts at figuring out how to get into what you believe are secure pages.

Remember that once your child has registered with the site, even if he/she has limited the access to his or her individual page, blog or chat room, they can still view any posting that is not limited on the site. This may include pages and blogs with nude and/or pornographic pictures, as well as, inappropriate language and discussions. Examples of some of these sites are: Teenspot.com, Myspace.com and Friendster.com. There are many more out there. For additional information on internet safety, please go to [http://www.police.nashville.org/bureaus/investigative/youth\\_services.htm](http://www.police.nashville.org/bureaus/investigative/youth_services.htm) and click on the Internet Safety link.